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PREFACE.

THE present index covers the first twenty volumes of the *Chinese Recorder* and the single volume (1867–8) of the *Missionary Recorder*, referred to as Vol. A. It was at first proposed to issue not only an index of subjects but a list of articles with the authors' names subjoined. On inquiry, however, it appeared that in the absence of any memoranda in the *Recorder* office, and owing to the frequent changes in the editorship of the journal, it was already impossible to discover the authorship of most of the unsigned articles, or to identify the many *noms de plume*. As the only value of such a list is in the identification of authors otherwise unknown, the earlier plan was of necessity abandoned.

The plan of indexing seeks to avoid needless multiplication of entries by gathering articles on the same general subject under one heading, beneath which the specific titles may be found. Thus under "Term Question" appear all discussions upon the use of Shang-ti, Shen, Tien-chu and other appellations for God or for the Holy Spirit. Similarly, under "Bible Translation" is gathered all material relating to the different versions of the Scriptures; under "Medical Missions" the reports on this department of work from all stations in the field, and under "Missionary Intelligence" such miscellaneous items of missionary information as are not otherwise classified.

As a rule the same article is referred to only once under a single heading.

It is evident that the index might with advantage have been increased to twice its present size. The aim has been, however, not to prepare an ideal table of contents, exhaustive in its detail, but such a one as should meet the general needs of consultation, and at the same time not demand so great a labor in preparation as, for a still longer period, should defer the undertaking.

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